

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Moser.
3. Roll Call: Trevor Black, Robert Campbell, Judith Davis, Ron Brown and Mayor Moser were present. Legal counsel, Gary Kuhlmann, was present. Engineering was excused. April Ruesch was present. Dale Harris was present. Chief Louie Ford was present. Jack Davis was present. Town Clerk, Nathan Bronemann, was present, taking minutes.
4. Declarations of conflict of interests.
None stated.
5. Public Comments

Rich Kopp asked about the stop sign that needed to be replaced.

Mayor Moser said the sign was in and he would follow up on it.

Jack Davis asked about drainage ditches being cleared out.

Mayor Moser said public works was working on keeping all ditches flowing.

Motion made by Ron Brown to close public comment. Judith Davis seconded the motion. Vote: Trevor Black-yes, Robert Campbell-yes, Judith Davis-yes, Ron Brown-yes, Mayor Moser-yes. The motion passed 5/0.

6. Interview and possible action on hiring a new prosecutor

Mayor Moser said that since the current prosecutor had given notice, they needed to hire a replacement. Rachael D. Beckstrom was in attendance to interview for the job. Mayor Moser displayed her resume for the council to review.

Rachael Beckstrom said she had been working for the county since before Robert Cosson came along. She said she would be able to smoothly take over his duties. She said she could do \$100-150 per hour or a flat fee of \$800 per month.

Judith Davis asked her why she was interested in branching out.

Rachael said she is currently part time and this would fit her schedule.

The council called M. Rick Erickson by phone but he did not answer. They decided wait for a return call later in the meeting.

M. Rick Erickson called in at 6:24 pm.

Mayor Moser pulled up his resume for the council to review. He asked him why he was interested in working for the Town.

Mr. Erickson said it would help his family financially.

Mayor Moser asked how much he was looking to be paid.

Mr. Erickson said whatever the Town had been paying was fine.

Mayor Moser said they were paying Mr. Cosson \$100 per hour.

Judith Davis asked if he was working for any other municipalities.

Mr. Erickson said he was only working for the county. He asked what the Town was looking for in a prosecutor.

Mayor Moser said they had very little contact with the current prosecutor but would like a monthly update on the caseload.

Trevor Black asked how much notice the candidates had as only one had physically attended.

Gary Kuhlmann said they only had one day's notice.

Judith Davis asked how they found out about the position.

Gary Kuhlmann said he consulted with Brock Belknap.

Robert Campbell asked who had more experience.

Gary Kuhlmann said they both had extensive experience.

Motion made by Ron Brown to offer the position to Rachael Beckstrom at the rate of \$100 per hour. Trevor Black seconded the motion. Vote: Trevor Black-yes, Robert Campbell-yes, Judith Davis-yes, Ron Brown-yes, Mayor Moser-yes. The motion passed 5/0.

7. Discussion and action on Statewide Wildland Fire Protection System Cooperative Agreement

Mayor Moser said this was still under review pending a meeting with Mike Melton.

8. Discussion and action on Five County Multi-jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan

Gary Kuhlmann said the agreement was a fairly standard cooperative agreement.

Mayor Moser read through the proposed agreement to be known as Resolution 2017-001.

Motion made by Ron Brown to adopt Resolution 2017-001, the Five County Multi-jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. Trevor Black seconded the motion. Vote: Trevor Black-yes, Robert Campbell-yes, Judith Davis-yes, Ron Brown-yes, Mayor Moser-yes. The motion passed 5/0.

9. Discussion and possible action on waiving the room rental fee for the Boy Scout usage

Mayor Moser said the Boy Scouts used the Town meeting room for a court of honor. He said the usual fee is \$50, but they council could waive the fee for non-profit organizations.

Motion made by Ron Brown to waive the usage fee for the meeting room. Judith Davis seconded the motion. Vote: Trevor Black-yes, Robert Campbell-abstain, Judith Davis-yes, Ron Brown-yes, Mayor Moser-yes. The motion passed 4/0 with one abstention.

10. Reports from Town Council members on assignments

Nothing to report.

11. Report and recommendation from the Planning Commission, (including discussion and action)
a. Recommendation on proposed lot splits of AV-1378-A & AV-1379-A for Kendra Webb

Jack Davis made the recommendation to approve the lot splits.

Motion made by Trevor Black to approve the proposed lot splits. Ron Brown seconded the motion. Vote: Trevor Black-yes, Robert Campbell-yes, Judith Davis-yes, Ron Brown-yes, Mayor Moser-yes. The motion passed 5/0.

12. Report and recommendation from the Big Plains Water and Sewer SSD

Nothing to report.

13. Report and recommendation from the Fire Department

Louie Ford said he had not yet contacted Mike Melton and Adam Heyder. He said they had responded to several traffic incidents on the highway. He said four of the fire fighters had attended winter fire school.

14. Report and recommendation from the Community Events Committee

Marie McGowan said the bounce house had arrived and needed to be tested.

15. Report and recommendation from the Code Enforcement Officer

See attached.

16. Report and recommendation from Emergency Management

See attached.

17. Report and recommendation from the Public Works Department

Dale Harris said he had been grading roads and they were installing signs.

Trevor Black said the tires from Hurricane tire were a cheaper biased tire.

Motion made by Trevor Black to approve purchase of the tires from CMC Tire that had been previously quoted and he would install them to save cost. Ron Brown seconded the motion. Vote: Trevor Black-yes, Robert Campbell-yes, Judith Davis-yes, Ron Brown-yes, Mayor Moser-yes. The motion passed 5/0.

18. Consent Calendar - Income and Expenses - Town Treasurer

The Council discussed the fact that they were retaining some of the Gateway funds to ensure some issues were remedied.

Motion made by Ron Brown to approve the consent calendar. Trevor Black seconded the motion. Vote: Trevor Black-yes, Robert Campbell-yes, Judith Davis-yes, Ron Brown-yes, Mayor Moser-yes. The motion passed 5/0.

19. Consider approval of minutes:

a. January 19, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Judith Davis to approve the January 19, 2017 meeting minutes. Trevor Black seconded the motion. Vote: Trevor Black-yes, Robert Campbell-abstain, Judith Davis-yes, Ron Brown-yes, Mayor Moser-yes. The motion passed 4/0 with one abstention.

b. January 25, 2017 Work Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Judith Davis to approve the January 25, 2017 meeting minutes. Ron Brown seconded the motion. Vote: Trevor Black-yes, Robert Campbell-yes, Judith Davis-yes, Ron Brown-yes, Mayor Moser-yes. The motion passed 5/0.

20. Announcements

Nothing to announce.

21. Request for a closed session

Motion made by Judith Davis to continue a discussion on the character of an individual. Trevor Black seconded the motion. Vote: Trevor Black-yes, Robert Campbell-yes, Judith Davis-yes, Ron Brown-yes, Mayor Moser-yes. The motion passed 5/0.

22. Adjournment

Motion made by Trevor Black to adjourn the meeting. Judith Davis seconded the motion. Vote: Trevor Black-yes, Robert Campbell-yes, Judith Davis-yes, Ron Brown-yes, Mayor Moser-yes. The motion passed 5/0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM.

Date approved: _____

ATTEST:

Nathan Bronemann

Richard Moser

CODE ENFORCER'S REPORT TO TOWN COUNCIL February 2, 2017

Since January 19, 2017:

I sent out notices to a number of dog owners reminding them Dog licenses are due January 1st and a late fee may be applied after February 15th. We've registered several more dogs.

I got word of a house with too many cargo containers on the property. I checked it out and found out they are temporary while flood clean-up is in process.

I received a complaint about possible animal neglect. I talked to the owner and gave them a warning ticket. People need to realize animals; including livestock need to be protected from the cold.

People should contact the town office before putting up any buildings, fences or animal runs, or before moving trailers and other items on to properties, to make sure they are in compliance with all ordinances or check land use codes on our website.

If anyone has a complaint regarding a town ordinance violation please come into the town office and fill out a complaint form.

Thank you,
April Ruesch

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT February 2, 2017

I plan to attend SW-CCC and SWRRT on February 14th.

I've registered for The Southwest Rural Preparedness Summit on Feb 27-28 at DSU Gardener Center at a cost of \$25. I urge all interested or involved in preparedness to register and attend.

(IMPORTANT Reminder all town officials, workers and firemen are required to take NIMS courses, at least the ICS100 & 700). It is also recommended that town officials take ICS-G402. Firemen especially should complete more ICS courses online and when they become available to be eligible for grants and to be prepared for emergency incidents. We need your cooperation. The more people trained, the better prepared we will be. Outside help will not always be available and able to get to us. (If you need assistance let me know. THIS will need to be done for future FEMA grants.)

Thank you,
April Ruesch